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Hostage returns to U.S.

STON, July 18 (R) -- Freed American hostage Richard ... home to an emotional welcome today and said he ... Americans still held in Iran were with him. "I really ... in words what it's like to be back in America again," ... old vice consul said on arrival at Andrews Air Force ... wish there were 52 more with me," Secretary of State ... Muskies, welcoming Mr. Queen home, said it was ... that his captors in Iran had said they were releasing ... his government, but to his people. "This is the first ... we have had that his captors understand that the hos ... human beings, that they are people with families back ... Muskies said, U.S. officials said Mr. Queen was ... go first to Washington's Georgetown University Hos ... to Maine to rest with his parents at their home there.

Squatters erect new settlement

TEL AVIV, July 18 (R) -- Jewish ultra-nationalists have estab ... a new settlement on the occupied West Bank without ... government authorisation and obtained a temporary supreme ... court injunction banning military attempts to remove them. Milit ... ary sources said that 40 residents of the Elkana Jewish village ... moved yesterday to a hilltop site several kilometres away from ... their outpost and fenced it off. The settlers, mostly new immig ... rants from the Soviet Union, built a wooden hut and put up ... several tents, the sources said. Members of the new settlement ... told journalists they had been waiting for government permission ... to set up a new village in the area but a final decision has been held ... up. They appealed to the Israeli Supreme Court which issued a ... temporary injunction banning the government from evicting the ... squatters before another court hearing set for next week.

Falangist militants raise ... of Lebanese partition

July 18 (Agencies) -- Milit ... gists pledges to oust Pales ... and Syrians from Lebanon ... sed the prospect of fresh

bloodshed in Lebanon and Prime ... Minister Salim Al Hoss has voiced ... apprehension about the country's ... possible partition.



Bashir Gemayel

Liberation Organ ... Yasser Arafat ... day that he had ... mobilisation of his ... ces to face the ... slants who have ... e determined to rid ... eign occupation."

lims and Palestinians.

Mr. Arafat flew to Moscow on ... an arms shopping mission 24 ... hours after declaring the general ... mobilisation, which has brought no ... visible changes on the ground in ... Lebanon's Palestinian populated ... areas.

Palestinian sources said Mr. ... Arafat would seek tanks, anti ... aircraft guns and modernised ver ... sions of rockets used by guerrillas ... in Lebanon.

The PLO has a few dozen obso ... le T-34 tanks that are used ... mainly to guard checkpoints near

guerrilla positions in southern ... Lebanon. Rightist forces in mostly ... Christian east Beirut have about ... 60 Sherman tanks supplied by ... Israel, which are also considered ... obsolete.

The sources said Mr. Arafat was ... certain that oil-rich Arab coun ... tries would foot the bill of any ... arms deals he might be able to ... conclude during his talks in Mos ... cow.

Informed Lebanese sources ... said Falangist plans for taking ... over many of the functions of go ... vernment in the areas they control ... have also brought fears of the ... partition of the country and the ... establishment of an autonomous ... Christian zone.

Under the pattern established ... by the 1975-76 civil war, the ... Christians control east Beirut and ... much of north Lebanon while the ... Palestinians and Muslim left pre ... vail in the south.

At a Ramadan banquet last ... night, Prime Minister Hoss did not ... mention the Falangists by name, ... but said in a speech that there was ... now a real danger of the country's ... partition.

This was part of a plot to divide ... the Arab World and would help ... Israel fulfil its aims in the region, ... he stated.

The Falangists have denied that ... they are planning to partition the ... country, but the prospect of this ... brought a warning from Damas ... cus, which said that Syria could not ... stand idly by "in the face of ... attempts to revive isolationist ... partition plans in Lebanon."

The Falangist strike appeared ... to have scuttled plans for the ... creation of a government of national ... unity in which paramilitary lead ... ers and the heads of political ... parties would participate.

But two days ago President ... Elias Sarkis, in an apparent ... attempt to restart political moves ... towards reconciliation, accepted ... the resignation of Dr. Hoss but ... asked him to stay on in a caretaker ... capacity until a new cabinet could ... be formed.

Press reports said today an ... announcement of a new prime ... minister was expected in the next ... three days.



Mr. Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy wave to admirers after his nomination for the U.S. presidency at the Republican party's national convention in Detroit. The convention also approved Mr. Reagan's choice of Mr. George Bush, his principal rival for the top nomination, as his November running mate. See story on page 6. (UPI telephoto)

'Summit's off,' Sadat says; Israel says, 'What summit?'

TEL AVIV, July 18 (Agencies) -- In an indication of ... deteriorating personal relations ... between the Israeli and Egyptian ... leaders, President Anwar Sadat ... was quoted Friday as saying he ... had cancelled plans for a summit ... meeting with Prime Minister ... Menachem Begin.

"Considering Begin's depressed ... mood, which was reflected in ... his wounding personal attacks on ... me, there is no place for another ... summit between us at this time," ... Mr. Sadat told the Yedioth ... Aharonot newspaper.

According to the newspaper, ... Mr. Sadat said he had planned to ... visit Israel soon to meet Mr. ... Begin. But Israeli officials ex ... pressed surprise at Mr. Sadat's ... comments, insisting no summit ... was planned and Mr. Sadat had ... not responded to Begin's long ... standing invitation to visit here.

President Sadat was com ... menting on a strong statement ... earlier this week from Mr. Begin ... denying Egyptian charges that ... Israel was to blame for the dead ... lock in Palestinian autonomy ... negotiations.

Mr. Begin said: "If Sadat wants ... an agreement on autonomy, he

should instruct his delegation to ... refrain from making proposals ... which contradicted the Camp ... David peace accords, called for ... the re-division of Jerusalem, ... undermined Israel's security and ... were a threat to Israel's future."

"I shall consider visiting Israel when ... I know Mr. Begin has calmed ... down," Mr. Sadat told the news ... paper.

The leaders last met in Aswan, ... Egypt, last January, and most ... observers feel they will have to ... meet again for the countries to ... make any progress in the stalled ... Palestinian autonomy talks.

Mr. Begin, recuperating at home from ... a heart attack, made no public ... comment on Mr. Sadat's remarks.

The status of occupied ... Jerusalem has been one of the ... main obstacles in the autonomy ... talks, with the Israeli and Egy ...

Shahpour Bakhtiar unhurt as attackers kill 2 in Paris

PARIS, July 18 (R) -- Gunmen posing ... as journalists tried to assassinate ... former Iranian prime minister Dr.

Shahpour Bakhtiar today, killing a ... police guard and a woman neighbour.



Dr. Shahpour Bakhtiar

Police said the three raiders ... bluffed their way past police to ... reach the second-floor landing of ... the apartment block and pumped ... automatic-pistol fire into Dr. ... Bakhtiar's flat before an ... armoured door was slammed shut.

Dr. Bakhtiar, the deposed ... Shah's last prime minister, was ... accused earlier this week of being ... linked with a coup attempt in Iran.

The eviled politician told ... French television today he had ... been receiving death threats ... almost daily. He said only last ... month Islamic judge Ayatollah ... Sadeq Khalkhali announced that ... orders had been given for his ... assassination. In Tehran today, ... Ayatollah Khalkhali denied any ... connection to this attack.

A member of Dr. Bakhtiar's ... household said: "Amireza ... slammed the door as soon as the ... shooting started. Fourteen shots ... were fired and most of them pene ... trated the apartment. He flattened ... himself against the wall and ... nobody inside was hurt."

But the gunmen shot dead a ... woman neighbour, identified by ... police as Mrs. Yvonne Stein, 45, ... as she opened her door to see what ... was happening. Another woman ... living in the same apartment was ... injured by gunfire.

Trying to escape, the gunmen ... killed a policeman in their path ... with a shot to the head; a point ... blank range and wounded three ... others, one of them critically.

A guard outside the building ... returned the fire, hitting two of the ... attackers. He managed to over ... power and arrest them, police ... said.

Dr. Bakhtiar has been careful in ... public statements in Paris to avoid ... associating himself directly with ... moves inside Iran to overthrow ... the Islamic revolutionary rule of ... Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

In a statement last week, he ... praised the "courage and deter ... mination" of members of the con ... spiracy which the Tehran gov ... ernment said was aimed at return ... ing him to power.

The former prime minister has ... insisted on leading a normal life, ... appearing in public to press his ... conviction that the departure of ... the present administration in Iran ... was only a matter of time as the ... nation sank into chaos.

Interviewed by a radio cor ... respondent while the attack was in ... progress, Dr. Bakhtiar laughed ... and joked against the muffled ... sound of gunfire. He said: "What ... am I doing -- I am eating my ... breakfast."

All active opponents of the new ... government in Iran and past ... associates of the Shah are con ... sidered at high risk by French se ... curity authorities.

The Shah's nephew, Mr. ... Shahryar Shafiq, was killed by ... gunmen in Paris last December. ... A few hours before the attack ... on Dr. Bakhtiar, unknown assai ... lants threw a bomb at the Iran ... office in Paris, damaging the ... facade but injuring no one.

Police said they had found ... Lebanese and Syrian passports on ... the arrested gunman, but did not ... disclose their identities. ... They said they were searching ... for another man and a woman ... spotted by witnesses at the time of ... the raid.

Waldheim prepared to announce special Palestine session

UNITED NATIONS, July 18 (R) -- Secretary General Kurt Wal ... dheim will announce on Monday the convening of an emergency ... special session of the U.N. General Assembly on Palestine, his ... spokesman said today.

The session would begin at 1430 GMT Tuesday morning under ... the presidency of Mr. Salim Ahmed Salim of Tanzania.

Mr. Yehuda Blum, the chief delegate of Israel, is expected to ... denounce the move at a press conference on Monday.

So far, only one U.N. member, the United States, has come out ... formally in opposition to the proposal to hold the emergency session, ... which follows an American veto of a Security Council resolution ... endorsing statehood for the Palestinians. France, however, has ques ... tioned its legal basis.

Most of the Western European members are expected to make ... no response to Mr. Waldheim's canvass, conducted at the request of ... the chairman of the U.N. Palestinian Rights Committee, Mr. Fallou ... Kane of Senegal.

Mr. Kane is expected to be the first speaker on Tuesday.

A number of Arab and other Third World foreign ministers ... planned to attend the session, the U.N. spokesman said. Mr. Kane ... made his request under the Assembly's 1950 "uniting for peace" ... resolution, which provides that a majority of U.N. members can ... convene an emergency session of the Assembly when a big-power ... veto in the Security Council keeps the U.N. from acting for peace.

The U.S. mission spokesman, Mr. Thomas Viola, said Thursday, ... "To call for an emergency session on 24 hours' notice in July after a ... veto in the Security Council in April is patent abuse of the so-called ... 'uniting for peace' procedure, which is intended to be used only when ... there appears to be a threat to the peace, breach of the peace or act ... of aggression. Obviously none of these conditions are met in the ... present case."

Regional Briefs

July 18 (R) -- Seven men and a woman condemned to ... drug dealing were hanged early today on Tehran street ... bodies left on the gallows for four hours, according to a ... n for roving Islamic judge Sadeq Khalkhali. The execu ... place in a former red light district where a total of 14 ... ug pushers were executed by firing squads earlier this ... seven each on July 8 and July 14. Mr. Ali Karimi, an ... Ayatollah Khalkhali's office, told Reuters: "We hanged ... a.m. The bodies were left hanging for four hours."

July 18 (R) -- The presence of Cuban ships in Moroccan ... waters is "an act of belligerence", the pro-government ... Maghreb said today. Cuba has alleged that Moroccan ... attacked two Cuban supply tankers last Saturday. ... to Havana, the captain of one of the ships was killed ... crewmen were wounded but the Moroccan government ... confirmed nor denied the incident. Morocco broke off ... relations with Cuba in April after Havana recognised ... Maran Arab Democratic Republic" proclaimed by the ... front.

July 18 (R) -- The newspaper Al Rai Al Aam said ... would stop publication from tomorrow, a week after its ... presses were blown up and one person was killed. The ... announcement did not say when the paper would appear ... the explosions last Saturday the paper has been ... in the presses of another newspaper, Al Qabas. Chief ... spokesman Abdul Aziz Hussein said an anonymous ... phoned the Interior Ministry after the blasts threatening ... tion against other newspapers.

July 18 (R) -- Ugandan Foreign Minister Otema ... has signed a \$9 million agreement for the establishment of ... a study centre in Uganda. Radio Uganda, monitored in ... today, said the Joint Organisation for Islamic Cultural ... supported by Libya and the United Arab Emirates, ... dance the centre. It would incorporate schools, medical ... ries, lecture halls, libraries and a mosque. The agreement ... ed during the visit to Uganda of a Libyan delegation. The ... have now left for home, the radio said.

July 18 (R) -- The ex-Shah of Iran, seriously ill for the ... weeks, was feeling better and moving around today, his ... said. Spokesman Mark Morse told Reuters the former ... 's overall condition was stable. He denied reports that ... r Shah's condition had deteriorated following an oper ... his inflamed leg. "There has never been an operation ... tion," and no comas," Mr. Morse said.

July 18 (R) -- Twenty-one people have been given 15 ... ch for eating in public during the current fasting month of ... a, the official Pars news agency says. It said the offic ... ed by an Islamic revolutionary tribunal in Shahre Kord ... an, and the offenders signed a commitment to observe the ... ture.

July 18 (AP) -- About 100 persons have been ... of ferry service between Turkey and this resort ... day said today. The island was calm today, but Thursday ... ersons holding placards saying "we are Greeks" and ... Out with the Turks" rioted to protest the Turkish ... on of northern Cyprus. Several thousand people broke ... police lines and set fire to cars and garbage in the har ... lion said. Police fired tear gas and swung night sticks to ... the crowds. Several hundred people jumped into the ... to avoid being hit by police or trampled by the crowd.

July 18 (R) -- Relatives of people missing since 1974 ... invasion of Cyprus staged a silent demonstration today ... the embassies of the five permanent members of the U.N. ... Council demanding international action to determine the ... heir loved ones, the Cyprus News Agency reported. They ... the establishment of an investigatory committee to trace ... 000 people unaccounted for since the invasion. The five ... ent members of the Security Council are Britain, France, ... ed States, the Soviet Union and China.

Iran banker predicts 'tremendous' inflation

TEHRAN, July 18 (R) -- Iran's top banker warns that his country ... faces "tremendous" inflation because of a huge budget deficit. ... Mr. Ali Reza Nobari said in a television interview that the budget ... deficit was greater than the government's income. "This is truly ... unique and will bring about tremendous inflation," Mr. Nobari said. ... He said the government had envisaged oil bringing in \$23 billion in ... the Persian year that began on March 20. "It might not even come to ... \$10 billion," he said.

The government originally predicted a \$6.6 billion deficit after ... spending \$40 billion, but it now planned an emergency budget based ... on a \$10 billion income from oil, he added.

President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr has said inflation was 50 per ... cent, but Mr. Nobari said this had increased in the past two months. ... "(With) every legal insecurity in this country, even the whip that ... quite unnecessarily comes down on somebody's head, prices will go ... up. If we say we can fight prices with whips, it is wrong," he said in ... a reference to the flogging of profiteers on the orders of the country's ... religious courts.

Mr. Nobari said civil servants had suffered a 60 to 70 per cent cut in ... purchasing power since the revolution that ousted the Shah. Con ... fidence in the banking system must be retained so that people's ... savings could be invested in boosting production, he said.

EEC set to decide on ME 'fact-finders'

BELGRADE, July 18 (R) -- The European Economic Community ... (EEC) will decide on sending its fact-finding mission to the Middle ... East at a meeting of the community's foreign ministers in Brussels ... next Tuesday. West German Foreign Minister Hans-Dietrich ... Genscher said here today.

Mr. Genscher, currently on an official visit to Yugoslavia, was ... answering questions at a press conference in Belgrade.

"We (the EEC foreign ministers) will discuss the matter at our ... meeting in Brussels next Tuesday. I hope the mission, led by Lux ... embourg Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Gaston ... Thorn, would leave for the Middle East as early as possible," Mr. ... Genscher told journalists.

Luxembourg currently holds the chairmanship of the EEC. ... Mr. Genscher added that he would have a meeting with the ... secretary general of the Arab League, Mr. Chadli Klibi, in Bonn next ... Monday.

The plan to send such a mission to Israel and Arab countries to ... assist moves for a Middle East peace settlement came out of the ... western leaders' summit meeting in Venice last month.

BAGHDAD, July 18 (AP) -- ... President Saddam Hussein has ... lashed out at neighbouring Iran, ... saying Iraq's good neighbour ... policy had been met with "obnoxious ... racism and stands of vanity."



President Saddam Hussein

The 42-year-old president ... addressed the nation by television ... Thursday on the twelfth anniv ... ersary of the Baathist revolution in ... Iraq.

Several hundred journalists and ... observers had been invited to ... Baghdad for the annual celebra ... tion. Among them is Miss Van ... essa Redgrave, the British actress, ... who is leading a delegation of the ... Revolutionary Labour Party.

In his speech Mr. Hussein con ... demned what he called the ... "expansionist policy of Iran."

He was referring to claims by ... some Iranian religious leaders to ... the Arab state of Bahrain in the ... Persian Gulf. Iraq has said it will ... defend the Gulf against such ... claims and has demanded the

'Vanity, racism' in Iran's policy: Iraqi president

Return of three small but strategic ... Gulf islands occupied by Iran ... under the Shah in 1971.

Mr. Hussein said the policy of ... Iranian rulers was based on "rac ... ism, grudge and backwardness" ... and he added: "They have in ... curred catastrophes, problems, ... bloodbaths, contradictions and ... internal complexity as a result."

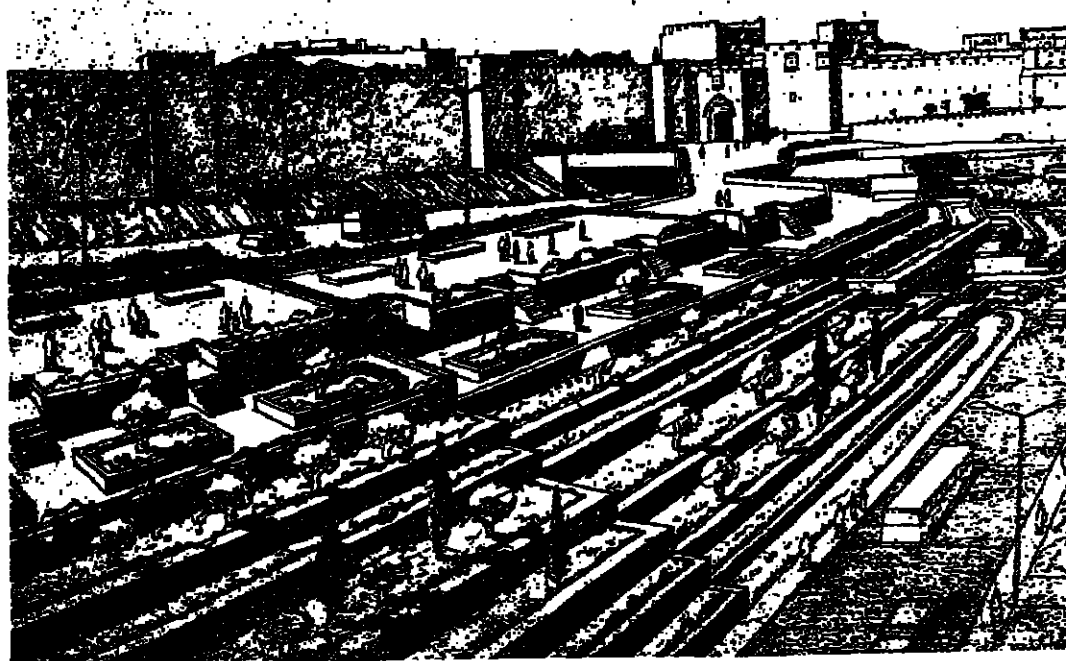
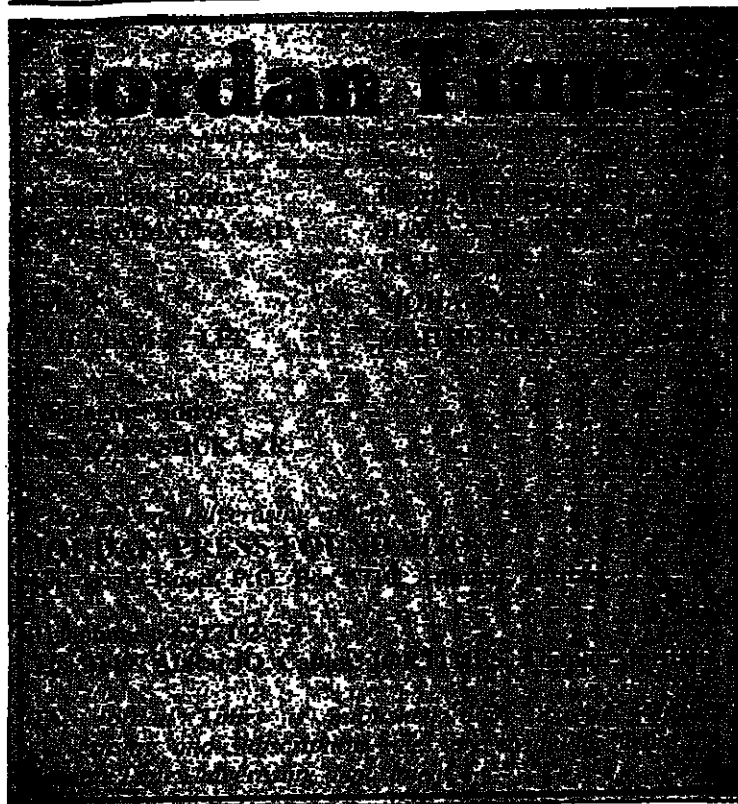
Mr. Hussein used the occasion ... of the anniversary celebration to ... announce \$19.5 million low ... interest loan to Pakistan and a ... \$6.5 million loan to Vietnam to ... help it offset increases in the price ... of oil.

He also attacked corruption in ... Arab states, calling off wealth a ... "double-edged sword." Iraq is the ... second largest oil exporter (after ... Saudi Arabia) in the Middle East, ... selling 3.2 million barrels a day

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and earning \$30 billion a year.

"Corruption in some Arab countries has become too conspicuous to be tolerated even by the people who have the minimum sense of responsibility," he said. No states were named, however.



This sketch, drawn by an Israeli opponent of the Jaffa Gate plan, shows the terraced roof of an underground car park, bus terminal and commercial arcade in the foreground and the pedestrian overpass leading to the gate in the background.

In compromise decision

Israeli plan to build new arcade near Jaffa Gate wins approval

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 18 (Agencies)—A plan for revamping Jerusalem's landmark Jaffa Gate area and for building a controversial road in Arab East Jerusalem won final approval today but planners had to agree to a compromise to scale down the size of the road.

Municipal planners modified the road scheme after critics com-

plained that it might endanger the centuries-old wall surrounding the old city area.

The plan to widen the busy highway running alongside the wall in the area of Jaffa Gate produced an indignant outcry from the "Council for a Beautiful Israel."

The proposal called for the road to be extended right up to the very

edge of the stone wall built in the 16th century. Critics said traffic vibrations so close to the wall could bring a danger of collapse. Also they were worried that road excavations might destroy some still undiscovered archaeological treasures.

The area is close to the old no-man's land that used to run between the Arab and Israeli sections of Jerusalem prior to the 1967 war.

At its meeting today the district planning commission voted to keep the Jaffa Road at its present width. The road will, however, be dropped to a lower level to run underneath a new pedestrian promenade leading to the Jaffa Gate.

An underground car park and shopping arcade will be built close to the road and a terraced landscape with olive trees will be constructed leading down to the old no-man's land.

The bloody slide

MUST WE be reduced to watching horrified as Lebanon slides once again into bloody chaos—a chaos which this time will almost certainly be fatal?

The horrors unleashed in the latest round of fighting between the rival Christian militias point to the possibility of even bloodier atrocities still to come. They also have the makings of a final showdown between those who would rule Lebanon by turning it into a graveyard and those whom they perceive as "alien invaders."

There is, of course, a foreign hand in all this—not the one imagined by the rightists but the hand of the lone party which, throughout, might stand to gain from Lebanon's dissolution. The Israelis do not try to conceal their exploitation of the opportunity with which Arabs who are not prepared to live peacefully with each other have presented the common Zionist enemy.

An editorial in the Jerusalem Post yesterday noted: "For years Lebanon's small Christian community—forward-looking, western-oriented and increasingly threatened by a growing Muslim majority—has been looked upon as Israel's most natural potential ally in the region. The outbreak of the Lebanese civil war five years ago helped solidify the earlier natural (though not always fully warranted) sympathy into something akin to a political alignment." The paper specifically pointed to "Israeli sponsorship of Major Haddad's semi-autonomous enclave along Israel's frontier."

It is therefore to be deduced that the Israelis are equally keen on "sponsoring" the establishment of a similar Christian enclave in the north of Lebanon. And that fits into a strategy to encircle, and ultimately liquidate, all other elements in Lebanon, including the Palestinian resistance whose existence there derives from the first waves of Palestinian emigration when the Zionist state was established in Palestine.

When the two parts of Yemen went briefly to war more than a year ago, the Arab League, at the initiative of sister states including Jordan, stepped in and resolved the crisis through negotiation. The interests of the Arab Nation were put first. That settlement not only has stuck, but has fostered new moves towards Yemeni unity.

No-one denies that the Lebanese situation is intimidatingly complex. But has Lebanon run out of patriotic members of the Arab family who are not prepared to see their country serve as a stepping stone for Zionism's expansionist aspirations?

Let the Arab community ponder the very real threat posed to its very existence by another slide into chaos in Lebanon. And let that community act accordingly before it is too late.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The current events in Lebanon indicate that the country is now at a crossroads. Its people will either succeed in preserving unity and the country's territorial integrity, and this is what those who are keen on Arab solidarity hope for, or the nation will disintegrate and be torn apart as a result of communal strife and the greed and arrogance of its communal leaders.

No one wants Lebanon to be overburdened with problems and its sovereignty encroached upon, nor does anyone wish to see Lebanon snatched away from the Arab Nation or once again transformed into an arena of violence where Arab blood is shed by Arab hands at a time when the enemy lies in wait for the right opportunity to achieve its expansionist aims in Lebanon.

Needless to say the Lebanese themselves are responsible for choosing their own course and determining their own future. They are no doubt concerned with the current efforts of President Elias Sarkis to form a new government grouping various political factions as a first step towards maintaining the country's national unity and territorial sovereignty.

If these efforts succeed then Lebanon will remain united and its Arab image and sovereignty preserved. It is time that the Lebanese rose above the level of their internal differences and bypassed all obstacles in the path of their unity. It is time for them to rescue their country from grave dangers no less serious than those inherent in the Camp David agreements.

AL DUSTOUR: The political and national concepts contained in President Saddam Hussein's speech Thursday reflect a responsible and mature Arab awareness of the need for strong Arab solidarity in view of the challenges confronting the Arab Nation.

The Iraqi president's call for bolstering inter-Arab cooperation conforms with the ideas of His Majesty King Hussein and the recent statement of Saudi-Arabian Crown Prince Fahd bin Abdul Aziz. Therefore it is possible to predict that from now until the convening of the 11th Arab summit in November, there will be intensive Arab activity aimed at unifying Arab stands, thus paving the way for a successful meeting, expected to be crucial and a turning point in the history of the Arab Nation.

The president explained in his speech, marking the 17th anniversary of the Iraqi Revolution that the enormous Arab oil wealth should not be monopolised but ought to be employed as a weapon to the advantage of Arab solidarity helping the Arab Nation to confront its avaricious enemies.

Once those rich Arab states realise that their oil will run out one day and that investing wealth abroad is not in the best interests of the Arab Nation, they will certainly change their attitude toward developing the Arab countries.

The recent Arab endorsement of an Iraqi resolution considering the 1980s as the decade for Arab development was only a first step towards achieving equity among Arab states. The continuous presence of underdeveloped and backward Arab states creates instability in the structure of the Arab Nation and is bound to cause breaches in its ranks.

The concepts put forward by the Iraqi president are worthy of Arab leaders' interest and support since they actually reflect the Arab Nation's convictions and aspirations.

Tourism director goes to London to 'market Jordan'

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN, July 18 — The Director General of the Ministry of Tourism, Mr. Michael Hamarneh, leaves for London on Monday to take part in a "marketing week for Jordan."

During the visit, Mr. Hamarneh will brief British travel agents and writers on tourism and travel about Jordan's plans to develop its tourist industry and improve its services.

The highlight of the visit will be a seminar organised by the London-based James Morris Travel Agency "to promote Jordan as a unique tourist attraction for travellers from the United Kingdom." Mr. Hamarneh told the Jordan Times tonight.

"This is the first time we go out in a planned programme to market Jordan," he said, adding that he was optimistic the visit would produce fruitful results because "Britain traditionally is the country that has sent the largest number of tourists to Jordan."

Mr. Hamarneh also said a Jordanian tourist office will soon be opened in London to promote tourism to Jordan. He added that James Morris will start soon to send British and French tourist groups to Jordan.

Mr. Hamarneh said the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities plans similar campaigns to market Jordan in Europe. The next one, he told the Jordan Times, would be carried out in Belgium "towards the end of the year."

Representatives of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, as well as local travel agents will join the government delegation on the Belgium campaign, Mr. Hamarneh said.

Receipts from tourism went up 28 per cent, from JD 104 million in 1978 to JD 133 million in 1979, according to statistics compiled recently by the Ministry of Tourism. The number of tourists coming to Jordan last year was up by 11 per cent from 1978. Arrivals jumped from 1.1 million people to 1.2 million.

Altogether Europe's share of the arrivals was up by 18.9 per cent, from 83,539 in 1978 to 99,321 in 1979.

In the days following Nablas Mayor Bassam Al Shak'a's triumphant return home to Nablas on Wednesday, July 9, thousands of Palestinians came to welcome him home. Above, Mr. Shak'a gives a particularly warm welcome to a fellow cripple, a Nabhusi youth who wheeled himself up the path on his self-propelled, home-made trolley. Below, two of the countless unknown admirers, a father and his daughter, come to wish the mayor well as others sit respectfully on either side of the path. (Photos by Sara O'Neill)



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GUEST COMMENT

Reagan's adviser Kahane partner

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is reprinted from the Arab News, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.

By Bob Lebling

WASHINGTON—One of the key Middle East advisers to Republican presidential contender Ronald Reagan is a lifelong friend and former business partner of Zionist terrorist Meir Kahane. Joseph Churba, who was recruited as a Reagan foreign policy adviser earlier this year, has spent most of his life in close personal and professional association with Kahane, who heads the self-styled terror organisation called the Jewish Defence League.

The two men attended schools together, trained at a right-wing, Zionist camp in New York's Catskill Mountains and set up several firms in the 1960s to promote Zionist objectives.

Churba, like Kahane, is an ordained rabbi. In the mid-1970s he held the post of special Middle East intelligence adviser for the U.S. Air Force. But Churba was fired from this post in 1976 when he publicly attacked the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, Gen. George Brown, for commenting on Israeli influence in the United States.

Last year Churba was named president of the newly established "Centre for International Security," a conservative Washington-based think-tank strongly supportive of Israel.

Kahane is currently in prison in Israel and is suspected of masterminding Zionist terror activities in the occupied West Bank.

Churba and Kahane grew up together in Flatbush, New York. As young men, they attended a Zionist camp run by the Beter organisation, a

revisionist group affiliated with Minister Menachem Begin's Likud Party. In 1965, the two men set up a joint Research Associateship in New York City. One of their efforts was to mobilise student support for the Vietnam war.

At that time, Kahane adopted the name of himself—Michael Kill. In 1968, when he set up the League, Kahane described it as a "Jewish Defence Movement."

"I was particularly alarmed at the anti-Semitism of the anti-Semites and I believed then as I believe now it was going to kill Jews and kill Jews."

"If there had been a greater, to fight, I don't believe there would be 20,000 Soviet troops in Vietnam," Kahane established a book by the two men entitled "Crossroads Publishing," which, Kahane said, set forth the arguments could never exist under a communist regime.

Churba later told a reporter that the book came from "individuals who should be published." He said he received no funding from the U.S. intelligence community.

Certain persons who were Churba and Kahane at that time under the impression that the two were linked with the U.S. intelligence community. But American intelligence agencies have no association with the two.

AMMAN, July 18 (JNA) — Her Majesty Queen Noor last night gave an Iftar banquet at Nadwa Palace for women police officers, nurses at the Princess Munira Nursing School and nurses of the armed forces medical services.

Also attending were the wives of the prime minister, the chief of the royal court, the commander-in-chief of the Jordanian armed forces and the director of the public security directorate.

Local News Briefs

AMMAN, July 18 (JNA) — Minister of Culture and Youth Taher Hikmat left for Moscow today at the head of a delegation for a two week visit at the invitation of the Praesidium of the Supreme Soviet. He said that during the visit he will hold talks with Soviet officials on increasing cooperation between Jordan and the Soviet Union in culture and sport. His talks will also deal with recruiting coaches to train Jordanian teams in various sports.

AMMAN, July 18 (JNA) — Four hundred ten kilograms of hashish and 20,000 stimulant tablets were destroyed yesterday on the orders of the Public Security Directorate. The drugs were seized in several anti-smuggling operations over the past six months, according to a Public Security spokesman. He said 33 people involved in smuggling attempts have been given prison sentences ranging between five and ten years. The burning of the drugs took place at the kilns of the Jordan Cement Factories Company at Fuhes under the supervision of a special committee from the military court, the Public Security Directorate and the Ministry of Finance and Customs.

AMMAN, July 18 (JT) — The government has decided on a number of measures aimed at facilitating the issuance of work permits to non-Jordanians employed in the country. Directors of police stations and aliens departments in various governorates have been empowered to issue work permits. Al Ra'i newspaper said the measures were taken at a meeting yesterday chaired by Minister of the Interior Ali Bashir. The meeting at the Interior Ministry was attended by senior officials from the ministries of the interior and labour, and the public security directorate.

AMMAN, July 18 (JNA) — Two new directorates have been created at the Ministry of Social Development. They are the Women's Directorate and the Social Education Directorate, a ministry spokesman said. He said the directorate of planning and voluntary work has been

abolished, the social development directorate has been transferred to the Directorate for the Development of Local Communities. The social development directorate has been named the Social Development Directorate. With these changes, the ministry now includes sev-

AMMAN, July 18 (JT) — The Amman Chamber of Commerce has issued licences to 60 new industrial concerns in Jordan in the last six months, a chamber source said. The total capital establishment of these businesses amounted to JD 20 million. New projects are one for manufacturing plastic pots, drip irrigation, a clothes factory, a bakery, dairy products plants and one for pharmaceuticals.

AMMAN, July 18 (JT) — A total of JD 2.25 million was granted to Jordanian farmers by the Jordanian Agricultural Bank in the first half of this year. According to director, Mr. Ahmad Dudin, the fund granted to farmers over the same period last year.

AMMAN, July 18 (JT) — The Amman Chamber of Commerce received an invitation to participate in an international exhibition to be held in Greece in May of next year. The chamber has now circulated the invitation to its firms in Jordan, offering them the opportunity to participate.

AMMAN, July 18 (JNA) — The Arab Tourism Committee will begin a three-day meeting here today. The chief issues for discussion are a proposal for a specialised Arab League Organisation, support for the World Tourism Organisation and the transfer of the committee's headquarters to Amman.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Painting exhibition

The Department of Culture and Arts, under the patronage of the minister of culture and youth presents an exhibition of paintings by Omar Hamdan. The exhibition has been extended until Tuesday, July 22, and is open during office hours and from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Art Gallery of the Ministry of Culture and Youth.

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Jordan Television will present summary of the Olympic Games place in Moscow from Saturday, August 3;

according to the following schedule:

SAT. 19/7	8:30 P.M.	The Opening Ceremony
SUN. 20/7	3:55 P.M.	Gymnastics
	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
MON. 21/7	4:00 P.M.	Gymnastics
	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
TUE. 22/7	3:55 P.M.	Gymnastics
	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
WED. 23/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
THUR. 24/7	4:00 P.M.	Swimming Final
	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
FRI. 25/7	4:00 P.M.	Games Summary
SAT. 26/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	4:00 P.M.	Games Summary
SUN. 27/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	3:55 P.M.	Athletics Final
	4:55 P.M.	Swimming Final
MON. 28/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	4:25 P.M.	Diving Platform
TUE. 29/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	5:35 P.M.	Volleyball Final
THUR. 31/7	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	10:15 P.M.	Winners Sum
FRI. 1/8	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	10:15 P.M.	Games Summary
SAT. 2/8	4:00 P.M.	Volleyball Final
SUN. 3/8	9:00 P.M.	Winners Sum
	4:00 P.M.	Football Final
	8:30 P.M.	Closing Ceremony

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Art of Omar Hamdan is refreshing sight in Amman

By Sara O'Neill
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

seems to attract a large number of visitors.

AMMAN, July 18—Coming as a breath of fresh air on a sultry summer's day—although few people at this culturally barren time of year seem to have realised it—is an exhibition of recent paintings by a bright and unusually talented young artist, Mr. Omar Hamdan.

"Recent" is a word one tends to use with some reservations when describing works displayed by artists here, since it is often applied to pieces dating back a decade or more. Mr. Hamdan, however, belongs to another category from these "Sunday afternoon" painters. He actually dedicates himself to painting, and despite being saddled with a government job for financial support, he has come up with forty oils executed since last year which reveal him as undoubtedly the most promising and original talent among the new generation of Jordanian artists—a colourist of the first order.

The exhibition is being held at the Ministry of Culture's art gallery in Shmeisani (opposite the Hava Arts Centre), a gallery which, despite its relative proximity to the centre of town, never

A lack of publicity—in this case sadly ironic since the artist is himself an employee in the ministry's public relations department—and of signs showing the way to the gallery is largely to blame for the poor attendance at his show. But the unassuming Mr. Hamdan has had to cope with the added misfortune of not only putting on a show at the height of the summer, during Ramadan, but also in the wake of the sudden, tragic death of the late prime minister, whose widow Layla has been one of the artist's staunchest supporters.

Mr. Hamdan is one of the first proteges of the artist who is now his boss at the ministry, Mr. Mohanna Durra. Nearly a decade ago, when Mr. Hamdan was a sixteen-year-old schoolboy wondering if he could go ahead against family pressures and study art, Mr. Durra persuaded him to join the Institute of Fine Art (of which he was then director).

In those days the institute offered a four-year diploma course. At the end of his studies there in 1974, the results were so encouraging that Omar went on scholarship for a further four years in Rome.

It was while in Rome that the student broke away from his strictly classical style of painting "to work in a freer way," as he explains—a mode in which he developed his technique of using colour which could best be described as abstract impressionism. Mr. Hamdan admits to a deep admiration for the impressionists as well as for Matisse, Mondrian and a number of contemporary Italian artists with whom he came in contact in Rome. The result is dynamic.

Mr. Hamdan's works have an international rather than local character. Neither in his choice of colours nor in form do his paintings suggest an influence from his immediate environment.

In marked contrast to most of his Jordanian counterparts, he does not rely on "desert" colours of browns, reds or yellow ochre. His palette is far more extensive with a tendency to use primary colours plus creams and white. This gives his picture a remarkably fresh feel.

Nor does he mix his colours in a mushy uncontrolled manner, but he keeps each area of colour, applied in bold wide brushstrokes, clearly separate. "I am very careful to keep the areas of colour clean," he says, "although I sometimes mix line and colour together."

"I use white a lot to give the colour perspective," he adds, standing before an oil entitled "Against Form"—a purely abstract piece in which a dynamic sense of depth is conveyed by the use of just three or four colours.

Among the other works in which one can discern no concrete image, "Reflection", a study in blues, and "Red and Blue", whose title is self explanatory, are outstanding. At this point one should also add that Mr. Hamdan is an artist with enough sensitivity and pride in his work not to include "duds" in the show. None of his works could be described as weak.

Among those paintings in which certain images can be discerned or

conjured up with the help of the imagination is one of only two works in the whole show which bear a local character. "From the South of Jordan" is a dramatic study of the rocks of Wadi Rum. Another discernible landscape, entitled simply "Impression", is an explosive scene in orange and blue—one of the simplest, from the point of view of colour technique, on display.

The second piece with a local subject, although in this case purely imaginary, is a town scene which could be anywhere in the region. Mr. Hamdan gives this well-worth theme an original touch by incorporating a rough textural quality through using mezzotint as a base on which to paint.

Among the remaining works, a handful of portraits, also highly original, are worth noting. Apart from one small study of a young man taken from life, these too are mainly imaginary. The artist proves his mastery in colour technique by executing one of his oils, a study of an old man, almost entirely in white. In another highly distinctive piece, an anonymous person, with areas of grey in place of eyes, appears almost to move across the canvas—so powerful is the feeling the artist manages to express.

A study of a man's face, swathed in a *huma*, is fine example of the artist's talent in using contrast and harmony at the same time, a characteristic which imbues all his work and makes it so compelling.

Mr. Hamdan even has on show a large study of a nude girl which owes something to Mondrian. He painted it from a live model in his studio in Amman, although the girl jumped up in a hurry after only five minutes and rushed off afraid of the scandal she might cause. As the artist ruefully explains, he has made her face unrecognisable with his typical shading of the eyes.

Two years back home after the freedom of Rome may have been hard to adjust to, but Mr. Hamdan

manages, despite the disappointing general lack of interest in original art here. As he says, "once I get home and start painting, I forget the troubles of the world outside".

It is a pity, all the same, that his exhibition has not generated more response.

Mr. Durra, brimming over with enthusiasm for his former pupil's progress, has decided to prolong the exhibition, which was due to end this week, until Tuesday, July 22. This is done in the hope that a few more people might find their way to this refreshingly original and appealing show.



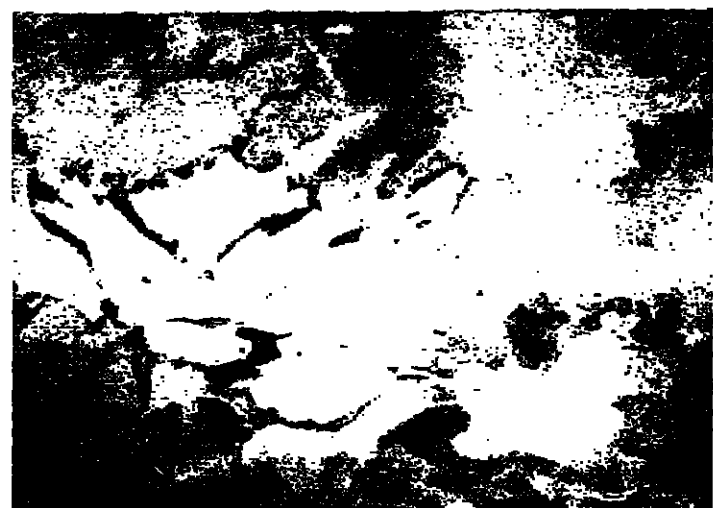
"Portrait": Oil on canvas

TODAY'S WEATHER

It will continue hot, with light and variable winds, becoming northerly light to moderate. In Amman, it will be hazy with northerly moderate winds and calm seas.

The high temperature in Amman on Friday was 40, while that in Aqaba was 39.

Overnight	Daytime	Low	High
23	39		
Aqaba	28	41	
Deserts	26	42	
Jordan Valley	28	41	



"Impression": oil on canvas 1979.

SUNDAY'S HORSE RACES

AT THE ROYAL RACING CLUB - MARKA

FIRST RACE 3:15 P.M.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES
DISTANCE 1,600 METRES

1. Shalan El Khashman	EL MANSOUR	Owner	Radwan	54
2. Ahmad Basbous	MOHAJIM	Owner	Ibrahim	54
3. Suleiman El Sanie	GHAZALAN	Owner	54	
4. Farhan Fali	SHAHIR	Owner	54	
5. Nidal B El Hadid	HILAL EL SAAD	Owner	Fawwaz	52
6. Hani El Hadid	MIHYAR	Owner	Khadir	51

SECOND RACE 3:45 P.M.

FOR BEGINNER HORSES
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Sami Y. Madros	MAKFOUL	Owner		54
2. Nadim S. Al Bajani	ARWA	Salih	Daifallah	52.5
3. Mamdouh El Hadid	SAMAR	Owner	Mousa	52.5
4. Sami Haddadin	F. EL BALQA	Balasim	Khadir	52.5
5. Rashid Oudih	GHAZWAN	Owner	Salameh	52.5
6. A. Ellatif El Hadid	WISAM	Owner		50
7. Khalid El Adwan	NASHWAN	Owner	Fawwaz	50
8. Sharif Nasser				
9. Ibn Jamil Stable	UM'EL ZAINAT	Kamal	Ibrahim	48.5
9. Shalan El Khashman	EL RAYAH	Owner	Radwan	48.5

THIRD RACE 4:15 P.M.

FOR LOCAL COUNTRY HORSES, THIRD CLASS
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Khalid El Adwan	EL NAHIDAH	Owner	Fawwaz	54.5
2. Salamih Salim	J. MADABA	Owner	Khadir	52.5
3. Soud El Adwan	NADIA	Owner	Daifallah	52.5
4. Ali El Yamani	M. SAMI	Owner	Mostafa	52.5
5. Bassam El Hadid	EL ANOUD	Owner	Salah	51.5
6. Nimir El Hmoud	SHAMS	Owner	Salamih	51.5
7. Shalan El Khashman	MOHARIB	Owner	Ibrahim	50
8. Bahjat Fanous	EL SHAKRA	Owner	Mousa	49.5
9. Mohammad Suleiman	ZANIH	Owner	Najib	49.5
10. Hailel A. Ibraiz	SITA	Owner	Ahmad	49.5
11. Mishaal El Faiez	HARIMIH	Owner	56.5	

FOURTH RACE 4:45 P.M.

FOR THIRD CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,400 METRES

1. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil Stable	DOKUL	Kamal	Mostafa	58
2. Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil Stable	KASSAR	Kamal	Ibrahim	54
3. Ghal B. Haddadin	M. AYSAR	Balasim	Khadir	58
4. Nadim S. Al Dajani	DALLOUAH	Salih	Fawwaz	54.5
5. Mamdouh El Hadid	EL MOJIB	Owner	Mousa	54
6. Sami Haddadin	EL JARIH	Balasim	Ahmad	54
7. Suleiman El Sanie	GHAZWAN	Owner	Najib	54
8. Nimir El Hmoud	GHOBAR	Owner	Salamih	54
9. Kittanih & A. El Maseeh	N. EL RAHMAN	Owner	Salah	52.5
10. Hani El Hadid	MASHHOUR	Owner	Radwan	50
11. Bahjat Fanous	SHABAB	Owner		54
12. Mishaal El Faiez	SHOJAA	Owner		54

FIFTH RACE 5:15 P.M.

FOR SECOND CLASS HORSES
DISTANCE 1,000 METRES

1. Rashid Oudih	MARJAN	Owner	Salamih	52
2. Sharif Nasser				
Ibn Jamil Stale	BATAL	Kamal	Ibrahim	50
3. Osamah El Miflih	EL ZEER	Owner	Radwan	50
4. Sami Haddadin	MAJD	Balasim	Khadir	50
5. Nidal B. El Hadid	SAMHAH	Owner	Fawwaz	48.5
6. Shalan El Khashman	HILAL EL SALT	Owner	Mousa	48
7. Bahjat Fanous	HOLWAN	Owner	Najib	48

Damas-Scene

By Pat McDonnell and Samir Twair

Week of July 19 - 25

EXHIBITIONS

Y, July 21: A photography exhibition, entitled "Forty Soviet Government in Latvia," will open in the Soviet Centre.

Y, July 21: An important exhibit, not to be missed, is the show of more than 50 pieces of sculpture by Abdul Mowakat in Al Sha'b Gallery. The self-taught artist was 46 in Aleppo. His works are in bronze, wood and stone. His monumental abstract sculptures are in the garden of the National Museum. He previously had individual shows at the National Museum of Aleppo in 1971 and Al Sha'b in 1976.

Paints and etchings by Mamdouh Kachian are on view in gallery one block northwest of the Italian Hospital.

Abstracts, landscapes and primitive Syrian paintings by artist George Genoura can be seen daily from 5 to 8 p.m. in the Jisr area of Damascus.

LECTURES

Y, July 23: A lecture on the philosophy of Tantric Yoga given by master Yoga instructor Dada Pravira at 5 p.m. in the Damascus Community School.

Y, July 23: Fellowship meetings convene at 7 p.m. in the home of Valyn Anderson, Damascus Community School.

VIDEO-TAPE PROGRAMMES

Y, July 22: An artistic revue featuring cinema, dance, and art will be shown at 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

Y, July 23: A science programme, entitled "Des Hommes," will be shown at 6 p.m. in the French Centre (in French).

Y, July 25: A variety show featuring the songs of Gerard A. Alain Souchon and Julien Clerc is slated for 6 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

FILMS

Y, July 20: A comedy film, entitled "A Wedding in the Desert," will be shown at 8 p.m. in the German Democratic Cultural Centre (Arabic sub-titles).

Y, July 21: A documentary, entitled "Beach of the Damned," will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (Arabic). Also slated is the feature film, "Story of the Don River" (in Russian, Arabic sub-titles).

Y, July 21 and THURSDAY, July 24: "Flic Story," a detective film directed by Jacques Deray will be shown at 8 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre. It stars Alain Delon and Deray. (Arabic sub-titles).

Y, July 22 - FRIDAY, July 25: "Catch-22," the award-winning film directed by Mike Nichols, will be shown at 7:30 p.m. in the French Cultural Centre.

Y, July 23: "Story of the Don River" will be repeated at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre.

Y, July 25: A feature film, entitled "Please Accuse Klavik 7 Death," will be shown at 8 p.m. in the Soviet Cultural Centre (Arabic sub-titles).

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George Genoura's painting of Maloula at sunset.

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Economic News Briefs

W. German, Algerian co. sign oil, gas accord

BONN, July 18 (R) -- A West German consortium has signed a 320 million mark (\$180 million) oil and natural gas exploration agreement with the Algerian state hydrocarbons company Sonatrach, consortium member Saarbergwerke AG said.

A company spokesman told Reuters the agreement, signed in Algiers on Saturday, gives Sonatrach 60 per cent and the consortium 40 per cent of eventual production in an 11,000 square kilometre area.

Other members of the consortium are Veba Oel AG, Wintershall AG, and Union Rheinische Braunkohlen Kraftstoff AG, the spokesman said. He was unable to say when the consortium would start exploration.

World Bank proposes \$200b fund

COLOMBO, July 18 (R) -- The World Bank development committee's task force has proposed a \$200 billion fund to channel Arab oil surpluses and other money into grants or cheap loans for certain developing countries, an official spokesman said here yesterday.

Arab countries belonging to the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) had shown keen interest in loaning the fund in preliminary discussions with the task force. Saudi Arabia had offered one million dollars to the fund, he said.

Under the plan, OPEC would guarantee to repay losses incurred by the fund and subsidize low interest rates on loans. Sri Lanka would be among the countries qualifying for aid.

The spokesman said the preliminary plans would have to be ratified by all potential contributors to the fund. Discussions have been arranged tentatively for next September.

OPEC surpluses for the next five years are placed at \$100 billion a year, and the fund's proponents suggest it should receive 40 per cent of this amount.

To qualify for aid, developing countries would have to pursue liberal policies to improve their balance of payments.

Oman's crude oil exports decline

MUSCAT, July 18 (R) -- Oman's crude oil exports fell to 7.67 million barrels last month from 9.01 million in May, the lowest since January, ministry of petroleum and minerals figures show.

Exports averaged 271,770 barrels a day in April-June, well below the 350,000 barrel average the Sultanate plans to achieve by the end of the year.

Oil industry sources said the higher output would be achieved by new wells and improved methods of maintaining pressure in old wells.

Brazil devalues cruzeiro again

BRASILIA, July 18 (AP) -- Brazil devalued its currency, the cruzeiro yesterday 1.9 per cent to 53.11 to the U.S. dollar. The sellers' rate rose to 53.31 to the dollar.

The new rates are effective today. The cruzeiro has been devalued 10 times this year for a total of 25.46 per cent. The last devaluation was on June 24.

U.S. oil companies exonerated

WASHINGTON, July 18 (R) -- The Justice Department has exonerated the major U.S. oil companies of charges that they deliberately created last year's petrol shortage in the United States.

The department said in a report issued yesterday that a year-long investigation conducted at President Carter's request failed to show credible evidence that the petrol shortage "was the result of collusive conduct" by the oil companies.

It said other factors had contributed to the petrol shortage, which resulted in higher retail prices and long queues at petrol stations.

They included the loss of Iranian oil production, harsher weather than expected in oil producing areas of the United States, decreasing quality of crude oil imports and increased demand for lead-free petrol.

The Justice Department said the investigation was based partly on information supplied directly from the country's 25 largest oil companies in response to a detailed questionnaire. The report did not identify the oil firms by name.

Polish strikers halt transport services

LUBLIN, Poland, July 18 (R) -- The army and police delivered food to Lublin today as strikers blocked the railway station and halted transport and other services.

The concerted strike action in the east Poland city near the Soviet border has posed the most serious challenge to the communist government since labour unrest swept the country after meat prices went up on July 1.

The strikers in Lublin, an important industrial centre and the seat of Poland's only independent Catholic university, are demanding higher pay to compensate for the meat price increases.

The trouble here began on Wednesday when train drivers walked out marking the first time that the current labour unrest had spread outside factories.

Other railway workers joined the drivers who parked locomotives and empty trains on the four main lines to block routes that connect Poland with the Soviet Union.

People arriving at the station today were told politely that it was not known when it would be reopened.

One railway worker said a strike committee was demanding a monthly pay increase of 1,300 zloty (\$43). He said the strikers,

who were also demanding talks with a delegation from Warsaw, had persuaded railway workers sent in from another city to turn back.

Lublin appeared tense but calm. No buses and trolley buses were running and long queues formed at taxi ranks.

Shopkeepers said bread, butter and milk were scarce because of a strike at the municipal dairy and bakery. They said army and police trucks brought in bread, butter and milk from outside the city.

The dissident self-defence committee (KOR), which was formed following the last serious outbreak of labour unrest in 1976, said workers in at least 17 factories and enterprises were on strike in Lublin.

The city's power plant was said to be working below normal capacity because of strike action and central supplies of hot water were being cut.

The bigger factories, which make trucks and agricultural machinery were operating normally. Workers at these plants won pay rises averaging 10 per cent with wildcat stoppages shortly after meat prices were increased.

Similar wage deals were reported in dozens of factories. The authorities have maintained that they were all linked to new productivity agreements.

Among the demands listed by railway workers was the right to strike, a word uttered in hushed tones in communist Poland. The Warsaw press today did not mention events in Lublin.

By early afternoon, many shops in Lublin had run out of basic food supplies and others were rationing customers to, for example, one packet of butter each.

The Lublin press, meanwhile, unleashed a strong attack against the strikers and appealed to their sense of civic responsibility.

The local party newspaper, *Szandar Ludu* (the banner of the people), painted grim picture of the strikes in a surprisingly forthright article.

The strikers were preventing children from going on holiday, stopping workers travelling to and from their jobs, delaying doctors and nurses and holding up vital supplies of medicines and diminishing stocks of food, the newspaper said.

"It means a loss of millions of zloties in the city's economic life and dozens of daily complications," *Szandar Ludu* said. It described the strikers as impatient people who deliberately refused to carry out their duties.

Officials in Warsaw said negotiations were under way with the strikers, but they reported no progress.

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, July 18 (R) -- Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at the close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets today.

One sterling	2.3742/52	U.S. dollar
One U.S. dollar	1.5309/53	Canadian dollar
	1.7460/70	West German mark
	1.9130/55	Dutch guilder
	1.6090/6100	Swiss franc
	27.89/92	Belgian franc
	4.0570/0600	French franc
	\$29.50/\$30.00	Italian lire
	220.00/20	Japanese yen
	4.1150/65	Swedish crown
	4.8090/8100	Norwegian crown
	5.3985/4000	Danish crown
One ounce of gold	606.50/608.50	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, July 18 (R) -- The market closed quietly mixed and at 1500 the FT index was up two points at 498.9.

Government bonds closed 1/4 easier in reaction to small selling interest with the June retail price index having little impact but the issue of a one billion sterling 11-1/4 treasury "tap" stock is likely to cause a decline in after hours trading particularly in long dated stocks, dealers said.

Gold shares moved lower with the bullion price but U.S. and Canadian issues firmed.

Lloyds Bank finished 15p down at 328 after half year results below market expectations, dealers said. Other banks eased between 5p and 8p in sympathy.

GEC ended 14p at 48 after a high of 492 following demand in a thin market, dealers added. Pleassey, BICC, Thorn and Ferranti were among other electricals to go higher.

Lonrho ended 2p up at 111 after 107 but Courtalds, still depressed by the gloomy chairman's statement, was down 4p at 70p.

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Bolivian president held as army launches coup

LA PAZ, Bolivia, July 18 (AP) — Bolivia's armed forces overthrew President Lidia Gueiler yesterday and annulled the outcome of last month's election to determine her successor. The military-controlled radio

announced that Mrs. Gueiler, who was arrested with her 17 cabinet ministers, had resigned and turned over power to a junta of armed service commanders.

The coup, Bolivia's 109th in its 155 years of independence, met resistance by tin workers, who reportedly occupied mines outside the capital. But the military appeared to be in complete control of La Paz, where hundreds of persons were reported arrested.

Commanders of the army, air force and navy announced they would name a president from among the military and decree new statutes governing political parties and labour relations.

The announcement said Bolivia's Congress, elected June 29, had been disbanded. The Congress was to have convened Aug. 6 and was expected to ratify Mr. Herman Siles Zuazo's presidential victory in the June 29 election. Mr. Siles Zuazo won a plurality of 34 per cent of the vote, which the military junta denounced as "fraudulent."

The junta announced it would respect the Bolivian constitution of 1967 "except where it conflicts with the objectives of the new government" and seek to maintain diplomatic relations with all nations.

Tanks and troops were in the streets and sporadic firing was reported in the capital. Sources said the men behind the coup were army commander Gen. Luis Garcia Meza and air force commander Gen. Waldo Bernal.

Pareira. Gen. Garcia said a few days before the election that the campaign had plunged Bolivia into "chaos and confusion." Gen. Bernal joined Gen. Garcia's attack by calling Mr. Herman Siles Zuazo, who won a plurality and was expected to be named president in the congressional run-off, a representative of "international communism."

Civilians near the presidential palace began digging up the streets and gathering wood and tin from nearby construction sites to build barricades, witnesses said. Signs "Death to the fascist coup-makers" and "Long live the Bolivian Labour Federation," went up in the streets.

At least one person was reported killed in a gunfight at a union headquarters. Labour leaders called for a general strike to protest the takeover and urged civilians to block roads so military vehicles could not move.

The military uprising began early yesterday morning in the northern city of Trinidad, where rebellious troops took over government offices.

It spread quickly to La Paz. Radio stations and the union headquarters were occupied. Armoured cars surrounded the university. Military units spread out through the city, closing the airport and attempting to shut off

all communications to the outside world.

Four soldiers, armed with M16 rifles, entered the office of the Associated Press here, tore up some papers and transmission copy. They ordered the correspondents to halt all transmissions and leave. The soldiers then took up positions outside the office and remained there, witnesses said.

"The military is not making the mistake that Col. Alberto Natusch made last November by letting the international press continue to function," one diplomatic source said.

The reference was to the most recent military coup, when Col. Natusch took power and held it for just two weeks. Popular resistance, galvanised by a general strike, brought him down and congress elected Mrs. Gueiler, 51.

Mrs. Gueiler and her ministers were taken from the government palace in an armoured vehicle and their fate was unknown last night. The Bolivian Workers Centre, the country's main labour confederation, called a general strike. But armed troops later took over its headquarters, killing mine workers leader Mr. Gualberto Vera. They also occupied the University of La Paz administration building.

fessional politicians — and a peanut farmer wrestling with a harvest of discontent.

In a sense, the handsome, boyishly-charming collector of careers — he has been a sports broadcaster, an actor, a trade union leader and a two-term California governor — has talked his way into the Republican nomination.

He speaks as no other politician in American life does, offering a vision that moves gracefully, albeit narrowly, from stirring images of America becoming "shining city on a hill," to brusque warnings



Republican presidential nominee Mr. Ronald Reagan (Gamma photo)

against enemies within and without.

Mr. Reagan, the experts say, is superb at articulating the fears of the average American. He is against welfare cheats, bureaucracies, government regulations and Communists.

A standard Reagan line this campaign, with Americans worried about the country's declining world image, is: "It's time we told the rest of the world we don't care whether they like us or not, we want to be respected."

He has also painted an image of the Soviet Union as a nation aggressively on the move, a country that cannot be trusted and is outstripping America in constructing weapons of destruction.

Mr. Reagan has called detente an illusion and the second Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty (SALT II) a bad deal for the United States.

Newsweek magazine quoted him as telling his oldest son, Michael, that he once had a vision of sitting around a table with Mr. Leonid Brezhnev negotiating SALT II. After listening to the Soviet president speak for an hour and a half, Mr. Reagan stood up and said: "Nyet."

"I don't think Brezhnev has ever heard that word before," he was quoted as saying.

That vision, as Newsweek noted, was cinematic, as is much of Mr. Reagan's imagery.

Mr. Reagan's political career began in earnest only 14 years ago when he became governor of California.

He had prepared for the role of governor by serving two terms as president of the screen actors' guild during the turbulent communist witchhunts of the 1950's and being for years a spokesman for conservative causes.

As a union chief, Mr. Reagan had supported the ousting of communists from Hollywood jobs, but he also defended actors wrongly accused of being too left-wing.

He had been raised as a liberal Roosevelt Democrat and during the 1940's he supported liberal causes — so many that some people thought he was a communist.

His political turning point came when Hollywood divided on the communist issue.

Mr. Reagan was born on February 6, 1911, to a poor family in Tampico, Illinois. His father was a shoe salesman frequently out of work due to alcoholism.

After college, Mr. Reagan became a sports broadcaster in Iowa and then decided to go to Hollywood to become an actor. When he arrived there, an agent he met phoned Warner Brothers and declared, "I have the new Robert Taylor sitting in my office."

Since becoming governor of California, Mr. Reagan has tried three times for the party's presidential nomination — in 1968, 1976 and this year.

His 1976 run against former president Mr. Gerald Ford bitterly divided the party and was a factor in Mr. Ford's defeat that year for the presidency by political newcomer, Mr. Jimmy Carter.

Whatever friction existed between the two men has now been healed and Mr. Ford has promised to campaign strongly for Mr. Reagan's election.

Mr. Reagan's record as California governor was a moderate one. He is credited with reforming the state's welfare system and getting one of the nation's most liberal abortion laws passed. Now, he is firmly opposed to abortion and claims he was wrong to have signed that bill.

His rhetoric stands firmly on the right, but his aides insist that he is a practical politician. "He's as ideological as he can afford to be and still get something done," his press spokesman, said recently.

REUTER

India's rocket puts satellite into earth orbit

NEW DELHI, July 18 (R) — India gained entry into the exclusive space club today by successfully putting a satellite into earth orbit and moved closer to achieving Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM) capability.

A 17-tonne four-stage rocket carrying a 35-kilogramme satellite payload lifted into space early this morning from Sriharikota Island off the east coast and went into orbit minutes later.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told jubilant members of parliament: "This is a notable achievement for India and Indian science."

The satellite will orbit the earth every 90 minutes, and Mrs. Gandhi said initial reports from tracking stations showed that it was functioning satisfactorily.

Its main purpose is to measure the performance of the launch vehicle.

An attempt to launch a satellite last August failed when the rocket fell into the Bay of Bengal minutes later. Two earlier Indian satellites, mainly for weather data collection, were put into orbit by the Soviet Union from its launching pads.

The satellite as well as the rocket were built by Indian scientists without outside collaboration.

The rocket took 10 years to build from the time it was designed on a drawing board, and with modifications could provide India with IRBM capability.

The success has brought India into the space club of the United States, the Soviet Union, France, China and Japan.

More than 2,000 scientists and journalists witnessed the lift-off at Sriharikota, and Mrs. Gandhi said in New Delhi it was a "great day for India."

The "Rohini RS 1" satellite is built to last 100 days and has on board a set of instruments powered by a five-watt solar battery.

The rocket which took Rohini into orbit was as tall as a seven-storey building and carried 14 tonnes of solid fuel.

Suzuki follows Ohira's previous foreign policy

TOKYO, July 18 (AP) — Japan's new prime minister today called U.S.-Japanese relations "pivotal to Japanese diplomacy" and said he would try to keep them strong

by the resolving trade frictions as quickly as possible.

In his first news conference since being chosen as prime minister by the Diet (parliament) yesterday, Mr. Zenko Suzuki also criticised the Soviet incursion in Afghanistan and pledged to seek improvements in Japan's defence forces.

The 69-year-old Mr. Suzuki, a long-time loyalist of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party and a compromise choice for prime minister, said he would seek to solidify the close U.S.-Japan ties formed by his predecessor Mr. Masayoshi Ohira, who died on June 12 of a heart attack.

He said the selection of Mr. Masayoshi Ito, former chief cabinet secretary and close aide to Mr. Ohira, as foreign minister was "a concrete demonstration" of this policy.

His remarks concerning the Soviet action in Afghanistan and Japan's own defence capabilities also reflected viewpoints that had been espoused by Mr. Ohira and were being well received by U.S. officials.

President Jimmy Carter's administration been pressuring the Japanese to boost spending for self-defense beyond the present 0.9 per cent of their gross national product.

Quietly and without fanfare, many members of Afghanistan's dwindling middle class are trying to sell family heirlooms and antique carpets that they can't easily carry into exile, but...

Getting out of Afghanistan isn't easy

By Edith M. Lederer

KABUL — The growing number of Afghans who are thinking about leaving because of the Russian occupation know they need liquid assets like cash or jewelry, not heavy antiques or rugs.

The antique and carpet shops in the foreign quarter of Yhere Naw which have always been a paradise for antique lovers are even more so today.

For the past few months, the richer Afghans have been selling their prized possessions but no tourists have been coming to buy them. So, stores are packed with old Bokarra and Beluchi carpets, red and blue Bohemian crystal, old English silver and American art deco vases, old firearms and Russian samovars.

Any foreigner walking along Chicken Street, one main tourist thoroughfare, is guaranteed to be besieged by shopkeepers urging him to come inside just for a look. If he's interested in buying, there are plenty of bargains to be found.

One American who walked into a carpet shop just for a look walked out with a \$1,000 Herat carpet for \$400, because the owner desperately needed an extra 15,000 Afghani (about \$340) toward his bond to leave the country.

"Last year, I used to sell four or five carpets every day," the dealer, told her. "This year, I'm begging you to buy one carpet so I

Causing more fear for white minority Chief of Zimbabwe quits 'Operation Merg

SALISBURY, July 18 (R) — Front guerrillas, is to retire Lieutenant-General Peter Walls, who spear-headed the fight by white-led Rhodesian forces against Patriotic

The announcement sent waves of apprehension through Zimbabwe's 200,000-strong white minority, who viewed the general as a symbol of their security in black-ruled Zimbabwe.

General Walls, 54, is to relinquish his duties on July 29, after less than four months as head of a high command grouping the armies that fought the seven-year



Lt. Gen. Peter Walls

U.S. angry at use of flag at Moscow Olympics

MOSCOW, July 18 (R) — The United States protested today against use of its flag in the Moscow Olympic games which its team is boycotting.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) plans to raise the U.S. flag and play its national anthem at the close of the games here as part of the protocol inviting the world to the next games in Los Angeles in 1984.

A letter from Mr. Lloyd Cutler, President Carter's counsel in charge of the Olympic crisis, to the IOC was made public by the U.S. embassy here. He said it would be highly inappropriate for the U.S. flag and anthem to be used at any time during the games, which the U.S. Olympic committee was boycotting "because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan."

bush war. He resigns officially at the end of the year.

His departure seems certain to deal a blow to efforts to merge the three forces — the old Rhodesian army, Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's ZANLA (Zimbabwe African National Liberation Army) and Home Affairs Minister Joshua Nkomo's ZIPRA (Zimbabwe Peoples' Revolutionary Army). The aim was to make the three into a new national defence force.

So far, the efforts to create a new national army have been inconclusive.

General Walls was regarded as a key figure in "Operation merger" since he held the middle ground between the two rival guerrilla armies.

An official said General Walls would go on leave for five months beginning on July 29, when he would relinquish all duties. His retirement would be effective from the end of the year.

The general was appointed military supreme by Prime Minister Robert Mugabe on April 15, three days before Zimbabwe

gained independence.

He had been expected at least until the end of this year to be the head of the new Zimbabwe army. According to some 1,500 whites leaving the country rather than face what was seen as a black rule, early retirement in figures.

His decision to quit was seen as a serious blow to the black-white reconciliation war and is likely to cause a loss of confidence in the new army.

The merger of the with units of the o army has been dogged by Mr. Rex Nkomo's military have steadily deteriorated with no immediate prospect of success.

Kenya blocks U.S. f

WASHINGTON, July 18 (R) — The Kenyan government has blocked a military exercise in which 1,800 American marines would have landed in the country, administration officials said today.

The marines are in the Indian Ocean on five amphibious ships from the United States Sixth Fleet.

Pentagon officials said that like a similar battalion from the Seventh Fleet, which was in the Indian Ocean for 10 weeks until June 1, the unit was sent to

demonstrate continued military presence in strategic importance.

Other administration officials said efforts to arrange landing exercise in Kenya were derided because of the government's reluctance to allow the exercise to proceed.

The two countries last month they had forces could use the base and Kenyan air bases in a crisis.

Costa Rican embassy occupied by 115 m

SAN SALVADOR, July 18 (AP) — Another 115 peasants escaping repression by government troops have joined 102 refugees already crammed in the Costa Rican embassy in the Salvadoran capital, a spokesman for a left-wing group said.

Mr. Jorge Alberto Perez, the spokesman for the February 28 Popular League, gave no details of the second invasion of the embassy by Salvadoran peasants in less than a week. But he said he was sure that if the government withdrew police vigilance from

other embassies, the would enter them.

Officials refused all requests for comment.

The second embassy occupation followed the first when 102 peasants stormed the embassy and secured last Friday, killing who tried to resist.

In 102 peasants who occupied the embassy testing what they call a strategy of repression by government forces.

(less than \$35).

At the moment, the government isn't issuing tourist passports.

For the lucky few who have passports, getting out is easy. For those who don't, the choice is more difficult — a risky overland trip to Pakistan with little chance of going any further.

Nour, the jeweller, said business was so bad he was hoping to sell a few pieces of Afghanistan's famed Lapis Lazuli precious stones for money to feed his family.

"Last year, thousands of tourists came. This year, nobody's

and sheepskin coats in the window.

Shopkeepers say they are left on a trip — aren't coming back.

The ongoing exodus from Afghanistan seems to be almost every family. Parents say they are getting their children out of the country, especially their daughters.

Nearly a million are now camped on the edge of the border, but the Kabul wonder what the future holds.

"Who wants us?" former government



Kabul's new tourists: members of the Soviet army walking around in civilian clothes or in uniform sometimes bargain for souvenirs. (Gamma photo)

can put up the money to leave the country. There's no business here so I'm going to Europe to sell carpets."

The cost of a business passport is 5,000 Afghani (about \$113) and any businessman who leaves the country must post a bond of 20,000 Afghani (about \$450). By comparison, the average monthly salary for a factory or office worker is about 1,500 Afghani

doing any business," he said. "What should I do? I'm 50-years-old. I don't have a valid passport. I hope the Russians will be gone in the next few months. But if they're still here, maybe I'll try to go to work in Germany, Iran or the Middle East. If I can get out."

Along Chicken Street, a few shops are permanently padlocked, with dusty embroidered dresses

"West Germany has refugees. One of my friends is there. But now they're getting President Carter to Afghanistan almost every day. They only Cubans and the They've forgotten us."

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PROFILE: Ronald Reagan

Aiming for the best role of his life

DETROIT — Mr. Ronald Reagan, who may be next president of the United States, is Main Street, America. He upholds nostalgic values — the family, hard work, patriotism.

He is a 69-year-old ex-actor with a cinematic vision of the world, a "nice-guy" conservative whose message, written in his own personal shorthand on small index cards, has frightened some Americans. It has stirred others to believe that he can make the country great again.

Now, long after he stopped acting, Mr. Ronald Reagan has the best role of his life. Wednesday night he became the Republican Party nominee for president, and the November 4 election may give him the most powerful job in the western world.

If he moves into the White House, he will follow presidents from all sorts of backgrounds: generals and tailors, patricians and pro-

CONVENTION '80

'Ford wanted too much power'

Reagan chooses George Bush

DETROIT, July 18 (Agencies) — Republican presidential nominee Mr. Ronald Reagan and Mr. George Bush, his running mate, began their campaign together yesterday, old rivals emphasising new harmony. Both men said that their ticket won't suffer for the fact that Mr. Reagan tried and failed to install Mr. Gerald Ford as his vice presidential nominee.

Mr. Reagan also told President Jimmy Carter that he looks forward to debating with him in the autumn. Mr. Carter telephoned the Republican nominee to congratulate and to propose a series of debates.

Mr. Bush said the spirit of victory pervades the convention. "But if that spirit is to be translated into reality, it's up to each and every one of us to help carry Ronald Reagan's message of a strong, free America the length and breadth of this land," he said in his prepared acceptance speech.

Mr. Ford said he would do everything he could to help put Mr. Reagan in the White House. But that did not include running with him, for lack of guarantees that as a former president, he would as vice president be guaranteed a major role in administration decision-making.

A potential hitch to Mr. Bush's satisfaction by the convention was eliminated when ardent conservative Senator Jesse Helms, who had considered having his name removed in a protest of the Bush selection, declared his support for both ends of the ticket. "I support our ticket because our nominees have emphasised their faith in and their dedication to the platform adopted by this convention," he told the closing session.

Breaking precedent, Mr. Reagan went to the convention himself early yesterday to tell the delegates that he wanted Mr. Bush for vice president, and to confirm that there had been hours of negotiation aimed at putting Mr. Ford on the ticket.

Mr. Bush, a former U.N. ambassador and CIA director, confirmed that there had been some discussion of his differences with Mr. Reagan when they were rivals in the presidential primary elections. Mr. Bush quit that campaign and endorsed Mr. Reagan on May 26. "My view is that the big issues, the major issues in the fall will be the questions of unemployment and the economy and there are going to be questions of foreign affairs," he said.

Mr. Bush said he is in tune with Mr. Reagan on those issues.

"...What I will be doing is emphasising the common ground," Mr. Bush said.

Mr. Reagan insisted that it wasn't correct to call Mr. Bush his second choice for the vice presidential nomination because the situation with Mr. Ford was so unique. But he confirmed, finally, that he had offered Mr. Ford the nomination.

For hours, he and ex-president Ford bargained over Mr. Ford's terms for becoming his running mate.

Together the two men tried to devise something never before accomplished in American politics, the idea of a virtual co-president, a vice president with real powers and not just a ceremonial figure who has nothing to do but wait in the wings for the president to either resign or die.

Why the proposal, one which could have drastically changed the nature of the American presidency, came unstuck after hours of bargaining is a question that will be argued in political circles for months to come.

Each side yesterday morning appeared to be at loggerheads over the reasons. Ford sources said the ex-president found the plan unworkable. Reagan sources said Mr. Ford wanted too much power — in effect he wanted an imperial vice-presidency.

Mr. Reagan then named former U.N. ambassador George Bush as his running mate.